

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-18 have been rejected. No claim has been allowed. Claims 1, 8, 14 and 18 have been amended herein. No claims have been canceled. New claims 21-22 have been added.

I. Interview Summary

The Examiner is hereby acknowledged and thanked for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview of July 29, 2009 between Examiner Lewis and the undersigned attorney for Applicants. The Office Action, recited prior art of record, pending claims and proposed claim amendments were all discussed, with particular emphasis on claims 1 and 14, as well as that which is clearly taught by U.S. Patent No. 7,289,824 to Jerbi et al. ("Jerbi"). Suggestions were made with respect to various claim amendments, and agreement was reached with respect to claim 1 as presently amended being patentable over the prior art of record.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-18 all stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jerbi. In view of the claim amendments made herein to all independent claims Applicants respectfully reconsideration of these rejections.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim, that reference must teach or reasonably suggest every material element of the claim. Independent claim 1 as amended recites, *inter alia*:

- determining whether a given touch signal is generated from a finger, stylus or signet, and
- filtering out any finger or stylus generated touch signal as being a non-signet input;

Support for these added claim elements can be found at, for example, page 21, lines 25-32 of the specification as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that Jerbi does not teach or reasonably suggest either of these added claim elements, and that no other prior art reference of record can be used to cure these fatal deficiencies of Jerbi. Accordingly, Jerbi does not

anticipate claim 1, and no combination of prior art references of record renders claim 1 as obvious. Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 8 and 18. Because claims 2-7 and 9-13 depend from claims 1 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 18 are patentable over the art of record for at least the foregoing reasons.

In addition, independent claim 14 has been amended in a manner that is also believed to overcome its rejection over Jerbi. Support for the various elements introduced into claim 14 can be found at, for example, page 21, lines 25-32, as well as FIGS. 7C, 7F and 7G and their corresponding written descriptions in the specification as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the §102(e) rejections of claims 1-18 have been overcome for at least the reasons provided above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the §102(e) rejections of all claims.

III. New Claims

Claims 21-22 are new. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced through the addition of these claims. Support for these new claims can be found at, for example, page 20, line 15 through page 21, line 17 in the specification as originally filed. New claims 21-22 add new limitations that further distinguish the pending claims over the prior art of record in the pending application, and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of these claims for at least this additional reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in proper form and condition for patentability, and thus request a Notification of Allowance to that effect. It is believed that no fees are due at this time. Should any fee be required for any reason related to this document, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee or fees to Deposit Account No. 50-4481, referencing Docket No. APL1P298. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below with any questions or concerns relating to this document or application.

Respectfully submitted,
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